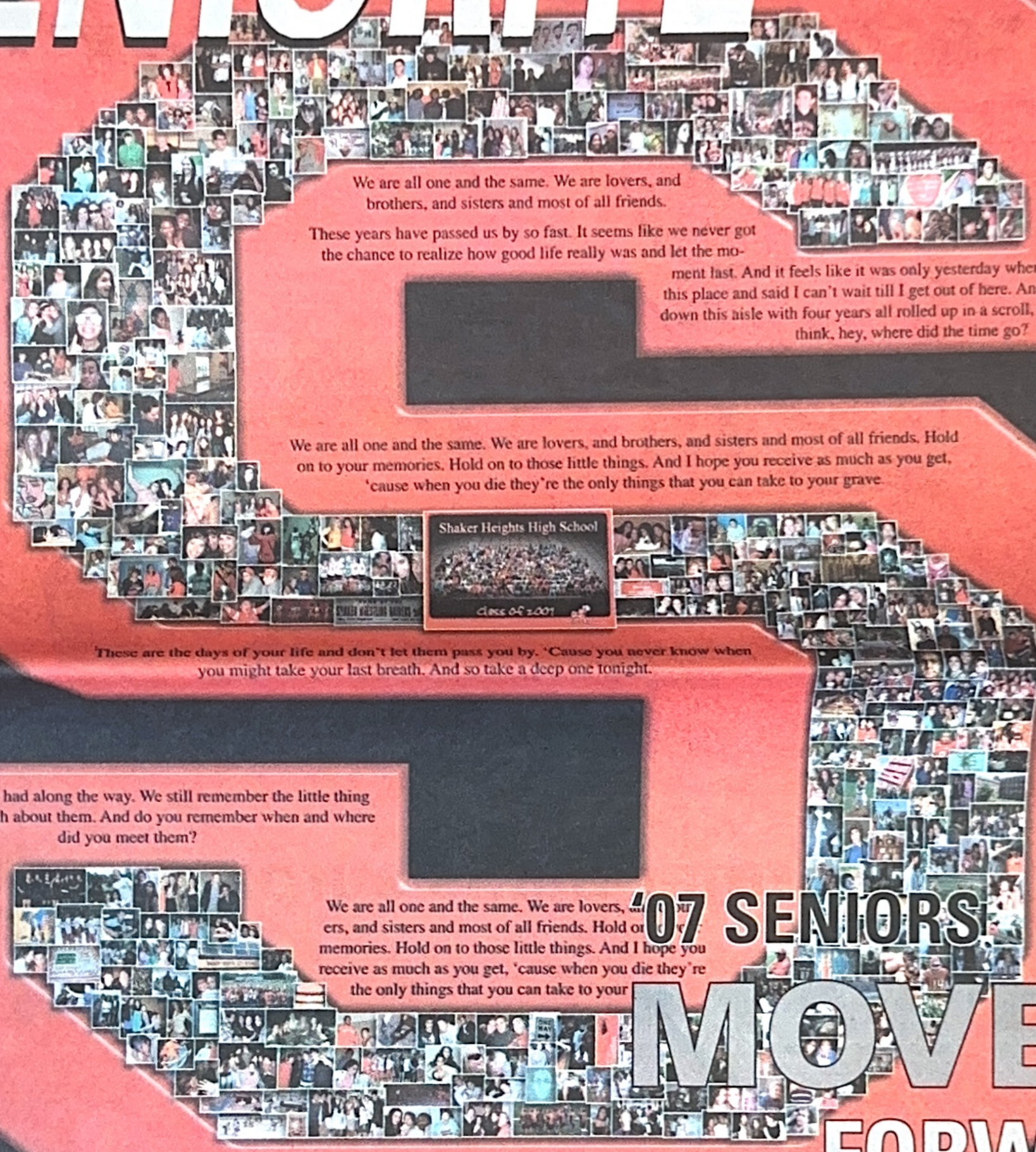
# THE SENIORITE




We are all one and the same. We are lovers, and brothers, and sisters and most of all friends.

These years have passed us by so fast. It seems like we never got the chance to realize how good life really was and let the moment last. And it feels like it was only yesterday when we walked into this place and said I can't wait till I get out of here. And now as we walk down this aisle with four years all rolled up in a scroll, you can't help but think, hey, where did the time go?

We are all one and the same. We are lovers, and brothers, and sisters and most of all friends. Hold on to your memories. Hold on to those little things. And I hope you receive as much as you get, 'cause when you die they're the only things that you can take to your grave.

**These are the days of your life and don't let them pass you by. 'Cause you never know when** you might take your last breath. And so take a deep one tonight.

Good friends we had along the way. We still remember the little thing that made us laugh about them. And do you remember when and where did you meet them?

We are all one and the same. We are lovers, [illegible] ers, and sisters and most of all friends. Hold on [illegible] memories. Hold on to those little things. And I hope you receive as much as you get, 'cause when you die they're the only things that you can take to your

## '07 SENIORS MOVE FORWARD

And as we approach this final day where we all will go our separate ways. So go hug and kiss your friends. And say goodbye to them.

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**THE CLASS OF 2007 . . .**

- HAS **390** STUDENTS
- ATTENDED **17** SCHOOL HOSTED DANCES
- HAS VISITED **13** FOREIGN COUNTRIES ON SCHOOL TRIPS
- HAS HOSTED EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM **15** DIFFERENT COUNTRIES
- HAD **14** NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS
- PLAYED ON **20** SPORTS TEAMS

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# 007 BOND SQUAD

• Shaker seniors take on new missions following graduation. Some students have chosen to enroll in colleges throughout the country and other students have decided to take different routes.

## A

Aaron Abelson- Princeton University
Kristen Adams- Bowling Green State University
Brian Allen- Ohio University
Mark Antal- Dartmouth College
Suzanne Arian- Bucknell University
Maryam Audu- Case Western Reserve University
Milan Aviles- Emerson College
Steven Awram- Saint Lawrence University

## B

Amanda Baringer- University of Kansas
Shirley Bell – Cleveland State University
Lydia Benish- Hope College
Kathryn Berry- Kent State University
Jordan Blumenthal- Indiana University
Michael Bohi- Brown University
Jasmine Bonner- University of Akron
Karmen Bonner – University of Akron
India Bowie – Kent State University
*Chris Brachna- Muskingum College*
*Sarah Brandon- Indiana University*
*Andrea Brooks- Stautzenberger College*
Ashley Bryant- Clark Atlanta University
Julia Buchheim- New York University
Ciera Burkes- Walsh University
Briana Butler- University of Pittsburgh
Chris Butler- Cornell University

## C

Lucy Cahn- Ohio University
Erin Campbell- Michigan State University
Katie Campbell-Morrison- Scripps College
Monte Carter-Hawkins- University of North Carolina
Rashaunda Chaney- Youngstown State University
Antonio Chavis Jr.- United States Air Force
Dan Chessin- Saint Xavier University (Chicago)
Tom Chokel- Georgetown University
Anion Cisco- Kent State University
Mario Clay- Youngstown State University
Marcel Clopton- Kent State University
Dan Cohen- Suffolk University
David Coon- University of Rochester
Meredith Coon- University of Wisconsin
David Coscarelli- Emerson College
Carrie Coverdale- Colgate University
Erin Cox- University of Mary Washington
Jessica Craig- Rutgers University (New Brunswick Campus)
Cecie Culp- Skidmore College

## D

Cory Dalton- University of Cincinnati
Nina Simone Dancy- Ohio University
Dwayne Davis- Akron University
Lee Davis- Air Force
Mavis Delaine- Mount Union College
Henry Distad- United States Marine Corps; Ohio Wesleyan University
Erin Donahue – Youngstown State University

## E

Allen Eckhouse- University of Southern California
Ashley Eddie- Bowling Green State University
Kelly Eisele- Denison University
Kelsey Ekeberg- The Ohio State University
Asim Elbnay- Lake Erie College
Zacharay Evins- Ohio University

## F

Aaron Fallon- Harvard College
Rebecca Fink- Skidmore College
Molly Fisher- James Madison University
Katy Fishman- Ohio University
Anastasia Frank- McGill University
Bridget Frantz- University of Wisconsin
Kiara Fritz- Ohio University

## G

Naomi Garner- University of Washington
Marcus Gates- Alabama State University
Kevin Glass- University of Montana
*Gordan Glauser- Bowling Green State University*
*Kenneth Glenn- Lake Erie College*
Stephanie Goldfarb- Yale University
John Paul Gordon- Bowling Green State University
Zoe Gordon- Colgate University
Ashley Green- Spelman College
John Gregg- Georgia State University
Allison Gutin- Ohio University

## H

Nick Hardaway- Cleveland State University
Tessa Heller- Indiana University
Tristan Henderson- Bowling Green State University
Grayson Henry- Cleveland State University
David Hicks- Hampton University (Virginia)
Jaren Hill- University of Pittsburgh
Terrence Hill- Arizona State College
Ryan Hines- Wilmington College
Everett Hoffman- Skidmore College

## H Continued

Brandyn Hood- United States Air Force
Kelsey Hopkins- Maryland Institute College of Art
Michael Hornick- The Ohio State University

## I

Colin Issa- University of Illinois

## J

Andre C. Johnson- Central State University
George Johnson- Rainy River Junior College
Lacresha Johnson- University of Pittsburgh Bradford

## K

Libby Kannard- Case Western Reserve University
Michael Karim- The Ohio State University
Meghana Kamik – Case Western Reserve University
Andrew Kawalek- Miami University
Alena Kelly- Cornell University
Emily Kent – University of New Hampshire
Liz Kim- Ohio Wesleyan University
Bruce Kimmelfield- University of Akron
Natalie King- Oberlin College
Courtney Kinter- Maryland Institute College of Art
Carl Kirtley- Clark Atlanta University

## K Continued

Jeremy J. Ko- Hofstra University
Chelsea Knight- University of Toledo
Mike Kooser- Hiram College
Emily Krassen- Syracuse University
Niranjan Kumar- Stanford University
Blair Kurit- New York University
AJ Kushner- Skidmore College
Jenny Kutik- Colgate University

## L

Eileen Lalley- Fordham University
Nora Leahy- Ohio Dominican University
Hyunho Richard Lee- Harvard College
Gracie Levin – The George Washington University
Ian Lewis- Hocking College

## M

Justin Maraschky- Ohio Northern University
Philip Marcotty- Washington University (St. Louis)
Katie Marshall- Earlham College
Christin Martahus- Duke University
Leslie Martin- Florida State University
Jamie Marx- Ohio University
Nathaniel Mast- Ohio University
Lianesha Mays- Cleveland State University
Courtney McClelland- Elon University
Kelly McCord- University of Pittsburgh
Delia McDermott- Endicott College
[illegible] McDonald- Wake Forest University

## M Continued

Margaret McGrew- Hampshire College (Amherst)
Jeff McIntosh- Ohio Wesleyan University
Andrew Melamed- University of Toledo
Halle Minshall- Denison University
Katie Mintzer- The Ohio State University
Brandon Mischal- Wyoming Technical Institute
Sonia Misra- Wellesley College
Alex Mok- University of Wisconsin
T.J. Monachino- Heidelberg College
Jacob Moskowitz – Michigan State University
Ashleigh Moten- University of Toledo
Pete Musser – Ohio University
Matt Musso – Miami University

## N

Stephanie Narine – The Ohio State University (Newark)
Tyler Naugle – Maryland Institute College of Art
Myron Nelson – George Mason University
Sarah Neubert – Bowling Green State University
Melissa Nezamzadeh – Hamilton College
Caitlin Nielsen – Wheaton College
Cella Ntoni Nlandu – Canisius College
Connor Nobert – Miami University
Lauren Nosal – St. Francis Xavier

## O

Katherine O'Bryon – University of Vermont
Will O'Connor – Ohio University
Ajoni Oden – University of Toledo
Amanda Orr – University of Dayton
Rachel Oscar – Kenyon College
William Owens – Youngstown State University

## P

Patrice Page – Thiel College
Attena Pallotta – Cleveland State University
Chuck Pappas – Union College
Emma Paskin – University of Kansas
Samhita Pennathur – Purdue University
Ilya Petrenko – United States Marine Corps
Tiara Phenisee – United States Air Force, Alabama State University
Donnell Phillips - Cleveland State University
Anthony Pietro – Miami University
Jennifer Polk – University of Toledo
Jeremy Polster – Kenyon College
Alexis Pounds – The Ohio State University

## Q

Elizabeth Quigley – Davidson College

## R

Lesley Ray – Kent State University
Carrie Reese – Denison University
Paris Riddle – Modeling, Clark Atlanta University
Ashley Robinson – Bowie State University
Katie Rohacz – University of Pennsylvania
John Russell - Northwood University

## S

Lauren Saks – Boston University
Meredith Schoenberger – Miami University
Patrick Scott – Wittenberg University
Johanna von Seckendorff – going to Germany
Greg Seidner – The George Washington University
Rafi Setrakian – The Ohio State University
Adam Shands – The Ohio State University
Luke Shahinian – The Ohio State University
Shamika Sharpley - working
Laurice Shelven – DePaul University
Jerodd Shephard – Central State University
Lisa Simon – Miami University
Annie Marie Sivertson – Emerson College
Oskar Skoog – going to Sweden
Mike Sloan – Kent State University
Alice Smith – University of Maryland
Chris Smith – Ohio University
Courtney Smith – Cleveland State University
Justin Smith – Toledo University
Daniel Snider – Carnegie Mellon University
Melanie Sobisch – University of San Francisco
David Somach – Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Nick Stagno – Goucher College
*Jenna Stahl – University of Pennsylvania*
Katie Stamm – Wellesley College
Carolyn Stange – Oberlin Collge
Laura Stern – Hamilton College
Kristina Stovall – Alabama State University
Kris Stovall – Florida A&M University
Ellen Super – The College of Wooster
Sarah Sy – Cornell University

## T

Kurt Tacastacas – Cleveland Institute of Art
Morgan Taylor - Cleveland Institute of Art
London Teal – United States Navy
Glenn Testen – Miami University
Steven Thoennes - University of Dayton
John Thomas – University of Pennsylvania
Cameron Thompson – Hampton University
Meghan Thompson – Princeton University
Shanna Thompson – Gannon University
Allison Tillman – The George Washington University
Hannah T'Kindt – Pomona College
Nellie Trier – University of Arizona
Derrick L. Turner Jr. – Youngstown State University

## V

Maria A. Vasquez – Ohio University
Avey Venable – Vassar College
Max Vener – Case Western Reserve University
Julia Victor – Marquette University
Miriam Vieyra – Bryn Mawr College

## W

Rebakah Wadsworth – Case Western Reserve University
Wesely Walker – Fisk University
John Wallace - Culinary School at Cuyahoga Community College
Cierra Waller – Ohio University
Carter Wang – Rice University
Will Warren – Mount Union College
Vincent Weatherspoon - University of Akron
Meridith Weaver – University of Wisconsin
Ben Weinberger – Colby College
Lauren Weinberger – Duke University
Marc Weiss – Shawnee State University
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Cassie Wolff – Fordham University
Tatum Woolley – Ohio University
Christopher Wright – Ohio University
Lincoln Wynn – Akron University

## Y

Chrystyal Yarbrough – Hiram College

## Z

Simon Zarders – Kent State University
Jiaqi Zhang – The Ohio State University
Marnie Zoldessy – The College of Wooster
Danniela Zucker – Wittenberg University

## Seniors stray from traditional college plans

### Future of worldly adventures

**Audrey Gyurgyik**

Audrey Gyurgyik was accepted at Davidson College with a full tuition scholarship. Unlike most seniors though, Gyurgyik has decided to defer for a year to pursue her own interests. "I need to take a pause from school and come back with a different perspective," said Gyurgyik.

For six to eight months, she will volunteer in either Honduras or Cambodia, helping struggling children and single mothers. For the rest of the year, Gyurgyik is planning to go to France to study yoga with a 76-year-old man who was trained in Tibet. "I spent a week with him last year and he invited me to come back." In addition to physical work and reading, Gyurgyik will spend her time learning how to deal with cold temperatures by swimming in ice water.

"I can get a lot of learning from non-school things," said Gyurgyik. "This is the only time in my life where I'm completely unrestricted."

Gyurgyik's parents are being supportive, as *long as there is a plan set up and as long as she keeps her scholarship to Davidson College.*

Gyurgyik has encountered many negative reactions to her future plans, but she has not let them deter her.

### Skies indifferent to gender

**Tiara Phenisee**

Tiara Phenisee will follow in her father's, uncle's, and cousins' footsteps by joining the United States Air Force after high school. Her current plan is to be in the Air Force for two and a half years and then enroll in Alabama State University.

Phenisee chose the Air Force because she does not want to actively participate in a war and "that's what the army revolves around."

Phenisee's parents support her plans for the future, although there was some reluctance at first. "My mom didn't want me to go, of course." Phenisee said. In college, Phenisee will double major in psychology and forensic anthropology.

### Spending next year on ice

**David Mays**

Playing college hockey, specifically Division I, was a goal that was always on senior David Mays' mind. But, according to Mays, hockey at the collegiate level is far different from playing other college sports.

"The way hockey is, it takes a lot of steps to get to collegiate levels," Mays said.

To play college level hockey for a D1 team, players have to start by playing in a league for a year in order to get scouted. The coaches don't recruit at the high school level; they recruit from semi-pro leagues.

While it normally takes a year or two, it depends on how well the players do in the league and whether they get scouted.

Mays is playing next year for the Tyngsboro Huskies in the Eastern Junior Hockey League and is hoping to play in college for whoever recruits him.

"Hockey is one of my priorities but school is very important as well," Mays said.

*While waiting to be recruited to a top college team, he is planning to take classes at either University of New Hampshire or Northeastern University.*

### Model dreams come first

**Paris Riddle**

Following the end of senior year, Paris Riddle plans to pursue a career in modeling for two years and then to attend Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta.

"I am doing fashion shows and I have a swim suit calendar coming out in June," Riddle said.

Modeling is an idea Riddle has held with her since her Woodbury days.

"I like modeling a lot and since I was in fifth grade, teachers have told me that I should model," Riddle said.

She intends to use television as a catalyst for her career.

"I am trying out for America's Next Top Model next year," Riddle said.

# Class of 2007 grows up

I remember walking through the halls my freshman year, feeling as though I wasn't old enough to be in high school, that every single person looked older than me and taller than me and just bigger in general. Even the school seemed too big for my tiny freshman self. I remember being called "freshman" and actually responding.

CAITLIN NIELSEN

I was an underclassman and all I had to do was wait for the four agonizing years, ones that were supposedly going to be the best years of my life, to be over and I could be free from it all.

Back then, four years felt as if they would take forever, but at that point in my life that was perfectly fine with me. I was in no rush to get out of here.

Even up until the beginning of this year, my senior year in high school (I had finally made it!), I still wasn't in any rush to say goodbye for what could be forever.

As I was applying to colleges I wasn't really into it. It didn't seem real, just another assignment I had to complete.

But pretty soon I began to realize that this was it, that I was going to college whether I was ready or not – and I figured I better get ready.

I began thinking about what it was going to be like not living in the house I had lived in since I was ten. To not have a curfew (I know Mr. T, home by 11 pm!) and to do basically whatever I wanted. To not have to come to this school ever again, where I can only go in and out certain doors at specific times and where I can actually get stuck in a stairwell because I'm not allowed to go up or down.

Where a pink slip of paper (now a red, laminated lanyard) determines whether or not a kid is allowed to be in the halls, or to go to a locker during lunch.

Yeah, leaving didn't seem so bad anymore. In fact, I started getting really excited.

My thoughts quickly became ones of who my roommate was going to be and if I would like her or not, and where I would study abroad and what I would study.

And then people started talking about where they were going to school and how far away everyone was going to be from each other. I realized that the people I had grown up with were going to be halfway across the country from me. But it's ok, that's how it happens right? People make friends with whom he or she survives high school with; then people say goodbye. They promise to keep in touch and then go and make new lives, and new best friends. We don't think twice about it.

I began to think, "Wait, maybe I'm not ready for this after all!" I was the older, taller, bigger upperclassman now.

I finally felt like I was supposed to be in high school. Walking the halls no longer felt like a maze. I was a senior. This is what I was supposed to be doing.

Senior section at the hockey games, skipping class in the lounge, Senior Prank Week, Lawn Day; it was what I had been waiting for, what we all had been waiting for. It was our turn to run the school. It was our time to "Be the Best".

And now it's time to make sure we see everyone we want to see, and figure out graduation parties and find out when everyone leaves. It's time to say goodbye.

We're at a new chapter in our lives, class of 2007; are you ready for it?

# TOP TEN HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES

top 10

**10.** Class of 2007 band members were given the opportunity to travel abroad twice in four years. Freshman year, students visited Italy and senior year, students went to China

**9.** In a failed attempt to reinvent the annual Back to School Dance, PTO hosted a Back to School Bash at Thornton Park where students were permitted to use the park's swimming facilities.

**8.** With the commencement of the 2006-2007 school year, students saw the end of pink passes in the hallway, when assistant principal Jasmine Clark devised a red hall pass system for the school district.

**7.** Robin Perlmuter became a full time teacher after years of being a substitute teacher for English classes.

**6.** With the hallways being frequently overcrowded, school officials made the decision to herd students like a flock of sheep by instating an up and down staircase policy.

**5.** Seniors witnessed an unheard of number of snow days junior and senior years.

**4.** Gentlemen's Quarterly freelance writer Devin Friedman portrayed students as clique-oriented partygoers and placed limited emphasis on the highly praised diverse community and quality education system.

**3.** Sophomore year the Raider hockey team made it to states and many hockey fans made the drive out to Columbus to cheer on the team in its quest to become number one.

**2.** Freshman year, students received one and a half days off from school thanks to new electronics not working with old wires. Luckily, the weather was far from miserable and students enjoyed two days off outside in the sun.

**1.** Seniors rocked the vote, naming Ben Karlin Homecoming Queen.

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SENIOR REBEKAH WADSWORTH hula hoops on the front lawn on Lawn Day, May 11, 2007.

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